

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 2022 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

Call to Order. Present: Kitty Kiefer, Robert Schaufelberger, Ward Belcher, David Maffucci and Janet Graaff. Absent: Richard Block, Tom Shachtman and Bruce McEver.

Approval of Agenda. So Moved by K. Kiefer, seconded by D. Maffucci and unanimously **Approved**.

Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2022. There was a request from J. Graaff, read by R. Schaufelberger, for a clarification to Item 7, to read as follows: “It would cost \$12-13M to wire to the town of *Sharon*, requiring a .7 mill rate increase; it is now up to *their* Board of Finance to move on it.” A **Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 20, 2022, as amended**, was made by K. Kiefer, seconded by J. Graaff and unanimously **Approved**.

Topics

1. High Speed Internet: Needs assessment proposal update and Sertex engineering study proposal update. W. Belcher reported that he and D. Maffucci had a meeting with Curtis Rand and Bob Riva (Planning & Zoning Commission). D. Maffucci reported that he had gotten a quote from Mike Solitro at Sertex for a feasibility study for a fiber network in Salisbury; the quote was \$30k for the complete report. He noted that he had an earlier meeting with Bob Riva who expressed interest in the results of the POCD survey, with regard to internet service. D. Maffucci noted some points from the meeting with Curtis Rand and suggested that Mr. Rand did not agree with some of their ideas, such as: Comcast being inadequate for future needs, the financial impact to real estate values in the area, or that Salisbury would be left behind other towns in the area. D. Maffucci suggested that the study would not be funded, without a path forward afterwards. He will follow up with Comcast and there may be additional information coming about Comcast’s plans for staying current with other providers. D. Maffucci mentioned that Mr. Rand was open to meeting with them again, when new information is available. W. Belcher had suggested forming a new team that would look ahead to what would happen after a feasibility study. He added that he is reaching out to other people who are knowledgeable on the subject.
2. Salisbury Development Concept update. J. Graaff mentioned that Carol Sadlon was still thinking about what was needed. They are in the “getting organized” phase now. When a sub-committee is formed, the meetings will be public and operate like a regular committee.
3. Lime Rock Race Track report. D. Maffucci mentioned that he would like to have a meeting with R. Block, regarding the Track, as soon as it can be scheduled.

4. Other Business—

W. Belcher did not have an update on getting the SEDC business cards yet.

R. Schaufelberger will be working on a separate new SEDC website; he will contact Emily Egan about getting town email addresses for SEDC members.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment. So Moved by D. Maffucci, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**